

***JLP's Ashley Bunch Awarded "40 under 40"  
at the 102<sup>nd</sup> AJLI Annual Conference***

**May 29, 2024 (Phoenix, AZ)** – The Junior League of Phoenix is thrilled to announce Ashley Bunch, 2022-24 Executive Vice President, has been named to the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) inaugural class of 40 Under 40. The award was formally given to Ashley on stage at the 102<sup>nd</sup> AJLI Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA on Wednesday, May 15.

The AJLI 40 Under 40 recognition aims to celebrate and honor outstanding Junior League Members who have demonstrated exceptional achievements in various fields and careers. To be eligible for consideration, nominees needed to demonstrate empowerment through her work and community involvement, leadership through her profession or area of service, and community impact in creating a positive impact on her community. AJLI, which comprises 298 Leagues, received dozens of nominations and a panel selected the top 40 from those nominations.



"When I think about a Junior League Member who has made an indelible impact on our League and community, it's Ashley Bunch," Kelly Kaysonepheth, 2022-24 President, said. "Ashley is a passionate and purpose-driven leader and the JLP is incredibly proud that the Association recognizes that too."

Ashley is currently the public affairs manager at APS, Arizona's largest electric utility company. Her strategic vision and adept negotiation skills have helped facilitate numerous projects in Phoenix, ensuring sustainable development and meeting future energy demands. Her collaborative approach, which prioritizes stakeholder engagement and consensus-building, has set a benchmark for effective corporate citizenship and successful project execution.

Within the JLP, Ashley is serving as the 2022-24 Executive Vice President overseeing the Management Team. Prior to this placement, she has served in multiple leadership roles within the Development, Finance, and Training teams. Ashley has also significantly contributed to other philanthropic causes that are meaningful to her, including the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Phoenix Children's Hospital, and the National Kidney Foundation of Arizona. She is also the recipient of the prestigious 2021 JLP Sandra Day O'Connor Award.

"I am incredibly honored and thrilled to be selected for the AJLI 40 Under 40 award," said Ashley in reflection of her award. "This recognition is the culmination of my incredible journey with the Junior League of Phoenix. Thirteen years ago, when I joined, I could never have imagined the wealth of knowledge I would gain or the remarkable leadership opportunities that would come my way. I am profoundly grateful to the Junior League for the invaluable lessons and the lifelong friendships I have formed."